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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. On page 2 of the office action, claims 1-26 were indicated as being allowed. Claim 27 has been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

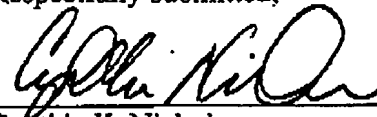
Claim 27 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,202,661, Everett Jr. et al. Claim 27 has been canceled. It is respectfully submitted therefore that the rejection is moot. The applicants wish to clarify for the record, if necessary, that the claims have been amended to expedite prosecution. Moreover, the applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuation application.

For all the reasons advanced above, the applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,


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